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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM POPPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FREI

REF STATE 193592

1. WE ARE IN A THREE-DAY WEEKEND HERE IN CHILE (ASSUMPTION DAY) IN WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DO ANY BUSINESS. ON MONDAY I WILL, SINCE YOU PREFER IT, GET THE WORD TO GOC THAT I WILL BE SEEING FREI, ON HIS INITIATIVE.

2. I AM BOUND TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE PICTURE AS WE SEE IT HERE, THE IMPLICATIONS OF INFORMING THE GOC IN ADVANCE OF SUCH A MEETING ARE SOMEWHAT DISTURBING. I REALIZE THERE ARE PROBLEMS EITHER WAY, AND I AM ASSUMING THAT THE GOC WOULD EVENTUALLY KNOW ABOUT THE MEETING, BUT I AM RATHER RELUCTANT TO APPEAR TO BE GIVING THE GOC ANY OPPORTUNITY TO IMPINGE UPON OUR CAPACITY -- IF WE SO DESIRE -- TO TALK WITH ANY PROMINENT CITIZEN WHO IS LIVING AND WORKING IN FULL FREEDOM IN CHILE. WHATEVER THE GOC RESPONSE IN THIS INSTANCE, I THINK YOU WILL AGREE THAT AT THIS STAGE I MUST GO THROUGH WITH THE MEETING.
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